

State of California  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, June 30, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 11:41 a.m.

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region  
73-720 Fred Waring Drive  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Vice-Chair Nancy Wright at 10:00 a.m. on June 30, 2016, at Palm Desert, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL(Board Members only)**

Buford Crites, Thomas Davis, Hidali Garcia, Edward Muzik, Jayne Powell and Nancy Wright were present.

The Board Clerk stated that a quorum was present.

Ms. Wright introduced and welcomed the Regional Water Board members

**Regional Water Board Counsel:** Tom Vandenberg

**State Water Board Liaison:** Frances Spivy-Weber

**Regional Board Staff Present:**

Jose Angel, Abdi Haile, Mary Serra, Mary Castaneda, Kai Dunn, Nadim Shukry-Zeywar, Joan Stormo, Doug Wylie, Hilda Vasquez, Carlos Angulo, Jose Cortez, Abid Khalaf, Jeong-Hee Lim, Cathy Sanford, Jennie Snyder, Anders Wistrom.

**Others Present:**

Bob Stadum, HDWD  
Ray Salazar, CVWD  
Bob Johnson, P.S. Freeway Dev.  
Steve Bigley, CVWD  
Jon Trujillo, CalEnergy  
Anetha Lue, CalEnergy  
Jeff Lamoure, Imperial County  
Jack Vanderwoude, Tahiti Group

## **MINUTES**

1. a. Minutes of April 27, 2016 Board Meeting

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Jayne Powell seconded, and Hidali Garcia abstained. The motion was carried to adopt Minutes.

- b. Minutes of March 10, 2016 Board Meeting

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and Tom Davis abstained. The motion was carried to adopt Minutes

- c. Minutes of March 3, 2016 Office Performance Workshop

**MOTION:** Buford Crites, Ed Muzik seconded, Nancy Wright and Hidali Garcia abstained. The motion was carried to adopt Minutes

- d. Minutes of February 20, 2016 Policy Priorities Workshop

**MOTION:** Buford Crites moved, Tom Davis seconded, Ed Muzik and Hidali Garcia abstained. The motion was carried to adopt Minutes

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

2. There were no public comments.

## **UNCONTESTED NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMITS AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

3. R7-2016-0004 Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0004, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for U.S. Navy Naval Air Facility Wastewater Treatment Plant, El Centro, Imperial County  
*[Anders Wistrom]*

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0004.

4. R7-2016-0005 Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0005, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of Holtville Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant, Holtville, Imperial County  
*[Anders Wistrom]*

Ms. Powel asked whether the ammonia violations at the WWTP had been resolved. Mr. Dunn, Senior WRCE, stated that the new treatment system will meet ammonia limitation. Mr. Angel stated that the City was under a Cease and Desist Order (CDO), which address the violations, and that the City was in compliance with the CDO.

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0005.

5.           R7-2016-0006           Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0006, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for the Heber Public Utility District Wastewater Treatment Plant, Heber, Imperial County  
*[Anders Wistrom]*

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0006.

6.           R7-2016-0013           Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0013, Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Blythe, Owner/Operator Blythe Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant, Blythe, Riverside County  
*[Jose Cortez]*

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0013.

7.           R7-2016-0014           Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0014, Waste Discharge Requirements for Imperial County Department of Public Works, Calexico Waste Management Facility, Calexico, Imperial County  
*[Jennie Snyder]*

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0014.

8.           R7-2016-0015           Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0015, Waste Discharge Requirements for City of Banning, Owner, and Suez Water Environmental Services, Inc., Operator, Banning Wastewater Treatment Plant, Banning, Riverside County  
*[Jose Cortez]*

Ms. Powel asked about Special Provisions extending deadlines by three and by six months also for completing and submitting certain items such as the operation and maintenance manual for the WWTP. Jose Cortez, WRCE, responded that the deadlines were extended at the request of the City, which is undergoing internal changes and is working on proposed upgrades to the WWTP, to provide the City with more flexibility to [deal with changes and upgrades]. She also asked whether there is a standard [format/method] for conducting the economic evaluation/feasibility to reduce [concentrations of pollutants, such as nitrogen]. Mr. Angel stated that although there is no such standard, staff asks from assistance from the Economics Unit at the State water Board to review the feasibility information submitted by the Discharger.

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0015 with Errata.

9. R7-2016-0016 Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0016, Waste Discharge Requirements for Magma Power Company, Owner, Desert Valley Company Owner/Operator, Class II Solid Waste Management Facility, Imperial County  
*[Herb Jackson]*

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0016 with Errata.

10. R7-2016-0017 Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0017, Waste Discharge Requirements for San Bernardino County Regional Parks Department, Owner, and County of San Bernardino Special Districts Water and Sanitation Division, Operator, Park Moabi Marina Wastewater Treatment Facility, Southeast of Needles, San Bernardino County  
*[Abid Khalaf]*

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0017.

11. R7-2016-0019 Special Board Order R7-2016-0019 Amending National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for the City of Brawley Wastewater Treatment Plant, Brawley, Imperial County  
*[Anders Wistrom]*

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0019.

12. R7-2016-0023 Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0023, Waste Discharge Requirements for Valley View Trailer Village and Alan Babich, Owner/Operator, Domestic Wastewater Treatment System, Thermal, Riverside County  
*[Carlos Angulo]*

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0023.

13. R7-2016-0024 Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0024, Waste Discharge Requirements for Palm Springs Freeway Development, LLCLLC Owner/Operator Onsite Wastewater Treatment System  
*[Jose Cortez]*

Mr. Crites asked whether there is [an assessment] vote that needs to happen to have a centralized [sewage collection and treatment system] for the area and whether the Discharger would get to vote on the assessment. Mr. Angel stated that the proposed WDRs do not require the Discharger to vote, but do require the Discharger to connect to the centralized system when it is available. Mr. Davis pointed out that under the discussion on page 1, at the end of paragraph 2, there was a typo. Mr. Crites pointed out that the staff report does not [but should] indicate that the Discharger would have to connect to the centralized system. Mr. Angel agreed.

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0024 with Errata.

14.           R7-2016-0025           Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0025, Waste Discharge Requirements for Imperial County Department of Public Works, Imperial Waste Management Facility, Imperial, Imperial County  
*[Jennie Snyder]*

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0025.

15.           R7-2016-0026           Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0026, Waste Discharge Requirements for Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency, Owner/Operator, Export of Recycled Water to Lucerne Valley, Lucerne Valley, San Bernardino County  
*[Jose Cortez]*

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0026.

16.           R7-2016-0027           Tentative Board Order R7-2016-0027, Waste Discharge Requirements for Wm. Bolthouse Farms, Inc., owner and operator, Holtville Wastewater Treatment Facility, Holtville, Imperial County  
*[Abid Khalaf]*

**MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Buford Crites seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0027 with Errata.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY ORDER**

17.           R7-2016-0022           Proposed Settlement Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of Administrative Civil Liability Order R7-2016-0022 in the matter of Imperial Irrigation District, Grass Carp Hatchery, El Centro, Imperial County  
*[Maribel Jernegan]*

**MOTION:** Item was pulled.

18.	R7-2016-0018	<p>Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements for Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) Reclamation Plant No. 9, Palm Desert Country Club, Palm Desert, Riverside County.</p> <p><i>[Jose Cortez]</i></p>
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## RESOLUTIONS

- MOTION:** Tom Davis moved, Hidali Garcia seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Order R7-2016-0020 with Errata.

- Adopted 9/15/16

**MOTION:** Hidali Garica moved, Ed Muzik seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously to adopt Resolution R7-2016-0029, as suggested by Mr. Crites.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

21. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for Remainder of Calendar Year 2016

- Ed Muzik and Jayne Powell nominated Nancy Wright for Board Chair. Nancy Wright was elected as Chair.
- Ed Muzik and Mr Davis seconded the nomination of Buford Crites as Board Vice-Chair. Buford Crites was elected as Vice-Chair.

22. Informational Update: State Water Resources Control Board Activities  
*[Frances Spivy-Weber, Tom Vandenberg]*

Ms. Spivy-Weber reported that:

- the Budget was approved by the Governor, but the budget trailer bill is lagging and is expected to be signed within the next two weeks;
- Board members would get \$250 instead of \$100 per day of services;
- The budget included money for the Salton Sea and suggested the Regional Water Board integrate its Salton Sea efforts into the efforts from the Natural resources Agency;
- The budget includes about 100 new positions for the State water Board (e.g., for the Division of Drinking Water);
- State Water Board would be moving two of its Sections (Administrative Services and Tanks Programs) into another building;
- Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director for Division of Water Rights;
- The WQCC will be meeting on October 24 and 25, 2016 in Sacramento and would focus on hearing from the Regions how they handle particular issues;
- Consolidation of services (e.g., water and wastewater) is a priority for the Administration and legislature and that there is specific legislation for consolidation of drinking water facilities;
- She also complimented Ms. Serra for her presentation of the County Program;
- State water Board is working with the Department of Water Resources on developing a permanent [water] conservation program by the end of the year; and
- The [Division of Drinking Water] convened a panel to use recycled water for indirect potable use. The hope is to have regulations about it by the end of year. The panel is also evaluating the feasibility of direct potable reuse. A recommendation is expected by the end of year on this also.

Mr. Muzik asked how the [acceptable contaminant levels] for drinking water are established. Ms. Spivy-Weber responded that through the Office of Environmental Health Assessment (OEHHA). Mr. Crites thanked Ms. Spivy-Weber for coming to the Board meetings, her work as liaison, and for being an advocate for the region. Mr. Davis asked about the possibility of finding out more about “integration” of efforts for the Salton Sea perhaps through a workshop. Mr. Angel stated that at the next Board meeting staff would be presenting on the topic.

23. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report *[Jose L. Angel]*

Mr. Angel indicated that he submitted his Executive Officer's report in writing and was available to answer questions about it.

24. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

Regarding the Board's Prosecution and Advisory Teams on enforcement matters, Mr. Muzik asked whether the Board could keep Executive Officer [neutral]. Mr. Crites asked that the EO report back to the Board on the pros and cons of it. Mr. Angel stated that he will check with some of his colleagues who implement various models and with Counsel and report back as requested.

Mr. Crites stated that next spring he would like the Board to visit projects and friends in Needles, including Topock.

25. Colorado River Basin Water Board Vice-Chair's Report *[Nancy Wright]*

Ms. Wright stated that she attended the Chairs meeting in Sacramento and participated in the Chairs conference call. Both of the events focused on the budget and how to get additional resources through Budget Change Proposals, and the upcoming WQCC.

**CLOSED SESSION**

26. At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to meet in closed session to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a)]; to consider evidence received in an adjudicatory hearing and deliberate on a decision to be reached based on that evidence [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(c)(3)]; to discuss significant exposure to litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B)(i)]; to discuss whether to initiate litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(C)(i)]; or to discuss initiated litigation [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)]. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session [Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)].

The Board went into closed session. The Board came back from its closed session and reported that it took no action.

**ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:41 a.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: 9:00 A.M., September 15, 2016, Palm Desert, CA.**